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Re: International Patent Application Number PCT/US2003/019327
International Filing Date: 18 June 2003
Applicant: HAUNER, Wigbert
Title: "Device for firing ceramic for dental prostheses"
Our Ref: DEG-FIRING

Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith are the Transmittal Letter to the US Designated/Elected Office Concerning A Filing Under 35 USC 371, WO 04/001311 A1 cover sheet, and International Preliminary Examination Report with response thereto for the subject patent application: PCT/US2003/019327; International filing date 18 June 2003. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, which you may have.

Best regards,



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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER DEG-FIRING
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/US2003/019327	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 18 June 2003	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 107518964
		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 20 June 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION DEVICE FOR FIRING CERAMIC FOR DENTAL PROSTHESES		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US HAUNER, Wigbert		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: 		

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For: DEVICE FOR FIRING CERAMIC PRODUCTS FOR DENTAL PROSTHESES

Response to the PCT Facsimile from Catherine Mondon dated November 14, 2003

In response to the PCT Facsimile from Catherine Mondon dated November 14, 2003, the Applicants hereby submit revised page 1 of the Request.

The enclosed revised page 1 of the Request is believed to comply with the requirements set forth in the PCT Facsimile from Catherine Mondon. The Office is respectfully requested to substitute the enclosed revised page 1 of the Request for the originally filed page 1 of the Request.

Please charge any fee(s) due on the above captioned patent application to Deposit Account No. 04-0780.

Should the Office care to discuss any of the foregoing in greater detail, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

Respectfully submitted,



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